

Regular Meeting Gravette City Council

August 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Howard at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were council members Chris Beller, Byron Warren, Brent Cannon, Terry King and Forrest White. City Recorder/Treasurer Mike von Ree and Director of Public Services Junior Hartley were also present. Alderman Warren led those present in prayer. Mayor Howard led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Comments from the Citizens

Ambulance Service

Margo Thomas addressed the council concerning an event involving the Gravette Ambulance Service. While transporting her husband to Mercy Hospital following a heart attack, the driver of the ambulance apparently did not know how to get to the hospital and missed the turn. The issue will be referred to the fire chief.

Water Bill

Susan Spear asked about a reconnect fee. She was told the issue was on the agenda and would be addressed later.

Annexation on Limekiln Road

John Cooper voiced his objection to being included in the annexation project slated to be on the ballot on November 2, 2010.

Crosswalk at Main Street and Highway 59

Christy Green told the council that drivers are failing to yield to persons trying to cross Highway 59 at Main Street. The state will be contacted about installing a flashing light or other warning systems for the crosswalk.

Minutes Regular City Council Meeting 7/22/2010

Minutes of the July 22, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Beller seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of Special Council Meeting 7/28/2010

Minutes of the July 28, 2010 special council meeting were reviewed. King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. White seconded the motion,. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes of Special Council Meeting 8/2/2010

Minutes of the August 2, 2010 special council meeting were reviewed. Warren made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. King seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Minutes Committee of the Whole Meeting 8/10/10

Minutes of the August 10, 2010 Committee of the Whole Meeting were reviewed. King made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Warren seconded the motion, a vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Engineers from McGoodwin, Williams and Yates addressed the council concerning the options available for the upgrading of the Gravette sewer system. Those options are listed on the attached statement. The options will be reviewed and a selection will be made at a special council meeting on August 9, 2010.

Contract for Sanitation Services

Tabled to the August 9, 2010 committee of the whole meeting.

Purchasing Manual

Tabled to the August 9, 2010 committee of the whole meeting.

New Business

Kurt Maddox Resignation

Beller made a motion to accept the resignation of Kurt Maddox from the Gravette City Council. White seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Nominations to Fill Vacant City Council Seat

Tabled to the August 23, 2010 city council meeting.

Adopt City Personnel Manual/Policies and Procedures Manual

Tabled to the August 9, 2010 committee of the whole meeting.

Water Bill for Susan Spear

Warren made a motion to charge Susan Spear a \$35.00 regular hours reconnect fee rather than a \$75.00 after hours reconnect fee. King seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed.

Firearm's Ordinance 10-06

Attorney Smith read an ordinance titled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 81-6 AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF FIREARMS, AIR GUNS, AND SPRING ACTION WEAPONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GRAVETTE, ARKANSAS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Warren made a motion to accept the first reading and place the ordinance on second and third readings by title only. King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, White nay, Cannon aye, Beller aye, King aye, Warren aye. Four ayes, one nay, motion passed. Attorney Smith read the ordinance by title only. King made a motion to "Do Pass". Beller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, White nay, Cannon aye, Beller aye, King aye, Warren aye. Four ayes, one nay, motion passed. Warren made a motion to adopt the emergency clause, King seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, White nay, Cannon aye, Beller aye, King aye, Warren aye. Four ayes, one nay, motion passed.

Roll-Off Bill for Vivian and Jack Clark

Mr. and Mrs. Clark live outside the city limits of Gravette and are therefore not covered under the contract the city has with Roll-Off Sanitation Services. They must negotiate their own contract.

Comments from City Council

One-way on Main Street

Warren asked about the planning commission considering making Main Street a one-way. Von Ree addressed the council concerning this issue. The issue had been discussed at the Planning Commission meeting in August. It was to be referred to the city council pending a survey of business owners on Main Street. Von Ree reported that he had surveyed the businesses on Main Street and that a vast majority were not in favor of the change. The issue was not included on the city council agenda and is considered a dead issue.

Annexation

King told the council he felt that the affected property owners in the annexation area should be notified of the city's intent to annex. Von Ree informed the council that the county clerk's office will be sending notification letters to those persons in the annexation area.

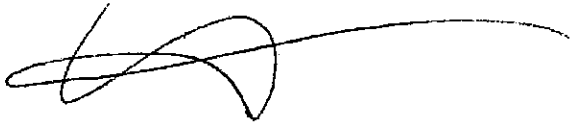
Firearms Ordinance

White wanted to go on record as being opposed to the firearms ordinance before he found out he had an opponent in the November election.

Executive Session

Warren made a motion to go into executive session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Beller seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. King made a motion to return to the regular council meeting at 9:10 p.m. Beller seconded the motion. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. Mayor Howard announced that based on an investigation of personnel actions, training classes will be required for personnel concerning employee conduct. Council members are invited to attend these classes.

A motion to adjourn was made by Beller and seconded by Warren. A vote was taken, all ayes, motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Michael von Ree
City Recorder/Treasurer